

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. In the non-final Office Action of May 16, 2004, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Commented that claims 1-56 are allowable over the art of record.
- B.) Rejected claims 1, 2, 20, 26, 43, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below.

- A.) Examiner's commented that claims 1-56 are allowable over the art of record:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 1-56.

- B.) Rejected claims 1, 2, 20, 26, 43, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §101.

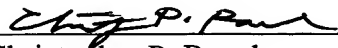
Claims 1, 2, 20, 26, 43, 53, and 54 have been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-56 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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